

- ~~On page 10, line 7, after "(INH $\beta$ B)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:154)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 7, after "(NODAL)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:155)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 8, after "(BMP2 and BMP4)" please add --(SEQ ID NOS:156 and 157, respectively)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 9, after "(dpp)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:158)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 10, after "(BMP5, BMP6, BMP7, and BMP8)" please add --(SEQ ID NOS:159, 160, 161 and 162, respectively)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 11 after "(60A)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:163)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 11 after "(BMP3)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:164)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 12 after "gene" please add --(SEQ ID NO:165)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 13 after "GDF3" please add --(SEQ ID NOS:166 and 167, respectively)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 13 after "(drsln)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:168)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 13 after "(INH $\alpha$ )" please add --(SEQ ID NO:169)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 14 after "(MIS)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:170)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 14 after "(GDF-9)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:171)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 15 after "(GDNF)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:172)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 15 after "(NTN)" please add --(SEQ ID NO:173)--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 17 after "(SEQ ID NO:177" please add --and the reverse complement sequence SEQ ID NO:178--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 22 after "(SEQ ID NO:188" please add --and the reverse complement sequence SEQ ID NO:189--.~~
- ~~On page 10, line 36, after "100)", add --(SEQ ID NO:141)--.~~
- ~~On page 11, line 2, after "96)", add --(SEQ ID NO:146)--.~~
- ~~On page 35, line 28, please replace "and" with --of--.~~

On page 56, lines 10-16, please make the following changes:

The reference persephin polynucleotide probe can comprise a cDNA encoding the complete mouse persephin open reading frame (SEQ ID NO:179, or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:180); a cDNA encoding the complete rat persephin open reading frame (SEQ ID NO:190 or the complement thereof, SEQ ID NO:191); cDNAs encoding complete human persephin open reading frames (SEQ ID NOS:203 or 205, or their respective complements, SEQ ID NOS:204 or 206) [SEQ ID NO:179 and the respective complement (SEQ ID NO:180), SEQ ID NO:190 and the respective complement (SEQ ID NO:191), SEQ ID NOS:203-206] or derivatives thereof or fragments thereof so long as such derivatives or fragments specifically hybridize to persephin mRNA or from a cDNA produced from a persephin mRNA.